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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant to DD/I (Planning)

THROUGH: Chief, Photo Intelligence Division

SUBJECT: Evaluation of /APIC Report No. S.55.11.02

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1. This is a well-prepared report based on careful and detailed analysis. Though the quality of the photography is satisfactory, it suffers shortcomings which normally result from the highly contrasted light conditions typical of the Arctic environment. However, shadow detail seems well defined. It is interesting to note that this drifting station was abandoned in mid-April 1957, about two weeks after the aerial reconnaissance. At that time it was drifting toward the Greenland Sea, where it would be subject to eventual disintegration.

2. OSI reports no indication of electronic equipment at the island other than that which would be used for maintenance of normal communications, and no evidence of any other new or unusual equipment.

3. comments that this is a carefully prepared and detailed report, and observes that there is no indication of any new or unusual equipment on the island.

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4. The report expresses regret over failure to achieve the technical intelligence detail desired from some of the photographs. The Photographic Intelligence Division of the Central Intelligence Agency might be able to provide assistance in this respect. Logotronic equipment might reduce the extreme shadow contrast, and the Kern comparator and other magnification devices available here might permit more precise measurements. However, the original negatives would be needed for such assistance.

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